

[English]

(d) Does not arise.

Procurement of Milk by DMS**6809. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:**

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-GAVA:
 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
 DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
 SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme has taken a decision to procure milk from a private company due to increasing demand for milk in Delhi;

(b) if so, the rate at which the milk is procured to be procured from the private company;

(c) whether several complaints have been received against the proposed agreement with the private company; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Last year, a situation arose when some local cooperative societies stopped the supply of milk to Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) demanding higher prices for milk while their contract with DMS was still current. In order to maintain the level of milk supply to consumers in Delhi and avoid such situations, DMS decided to diversify its sources of supply. Accordingly, after calling open tenders orders were placed with some private agencies for the supply of milk. The private agencies are supplying milk to DMS at Rs. 7.53/Kg. and Rs. 7.73/ kg. per day.

(c) No, Sir.

Gas Pipeline upto Samgarh Gas Thermal power project in Rajasthan

6810. SHRI GIRIDHARI LAL BHAR-GAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. has awarded any contract for construction associated gas pipeline up to Samgarh Gas Thermal Power Project in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction work has been started; and

(d) if so, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sustainable Agriculture

6811. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up an Expert Group of eminent Scientists to advise the Government on strategies to be followed on attaining substainable agriculture;

(b) if so, the composition of Group; and

(c) when the Group is likely to Submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The Standing Policy Planning Committee of the Indian Council of